

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 20, 2020

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Minor. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, Mark Franklin and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:03 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:32 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Lyndsey Moore & Justin Groves, Faculty Members, Curt Erwin, community member, and Brady Gisher, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2020
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2020
Special Board Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2020

5.2 Approve Financial Report (January 2020)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (January 2020)

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of pages 36A-36C. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson reported the following information:

- Special Education numbers are being reviewed for the 2020-21 school year.
- Project updates were given on the following: concession stand, East Gym air conditioning, Tabor Field Stadium, and interior building signage.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Justin Groves commented that the improvements to the building and grounds are noticed and appreciated by the staff.

8. OLD BUSINESS Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the stipend to Ryan Miller as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.6 Review/Approve Tabor Field Renovation Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Base Bid plus alternate bids #4, #6, #8, #9, #11, #12, #14, #15, and #17. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve alternate bid #5 as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, and Mark Dyel – no. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve alternate bid #10 as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – no, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve alternate bid #13 as presented. Mark Minor seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – no, Mark Dyel – no, Mark Franklin – no, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – no, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion failed.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve alternate bid #16 as presented. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – no, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve alternate bid #18 as presented. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – no, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – no, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes and Mitch Bennett - yes. Motion carried.

Mark Franklin made a motion to approve alternate bid #19 as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – no, and Mark Dyel – no. Motion carried.

Mark Franklin submitted a letter of resignation as school board member to Mitch Bennett, Board Secretary and expressed his gratitude for being able to serve BCHS in this capacity for the past 3 years.

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Molly Uhles as the assistant softball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Anita Hoffman as the Clean & Green Sponsor for the 2019-20 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Chason Dunford as a sub in the nurse's office as needed. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Lacey Hagermas as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Chris Head as a volunteer assistant baseball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Dottie Darr for the 2020 musical/costume/props position. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Chris Blady for the 2020 musical/sound/lights position. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Judith Lampley as a part-time Teacher Aide for the 2020-21 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the updated letter of intent to retire from Anita Hoffman as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the letter of intent to retire from John Rone as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of custodian as available beginning June 1, 2020. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of part-time temporary summer 2020 workers as available. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of science teacher as available for the 20-21 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Exterior Signage Proposal Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the exterior signage proposal as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyl – yes, and Kenny Irvin – no. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve SY20-21 School Calendar Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve 2020-21 School Calendar as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robin Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyl – no, Kenny Irvin – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Mitch Bennett acknowledged the Dance Team's recent state appearance & 1st place finish as well as the Band's appearance in Marion with the Liverpool Legends.
- Mark Dyl acknowledged Ryan Miller and Justin Groves for scheduling the Realities of Recruiting presentation on Feb. 27, 2020. He also questioned the BIT revenue/expense report.
- Mark Minor announced a public hearing to be held at 4:45 p.m. March 26, 2020 concerning the intent to sell bonds.

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY